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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims of the patent as follows:

1. (currently amended) Contact lens care composition comprising:

0.5 to 4 percent by weight dexpantenol based on the total weight of the contact lens care composition; and

one or more further constituents selected from the group consisting of buffer substances, substances that affect the tonicity, complexing agents and/or antimicrobial compounds; and

D-sorbitol.

(canceled)

2. (previously presented) Contact lens care composition according to claim 6, comprising an aqueous solution comprising 0.5 to 4 percent by weight, of dexpantenol, based on the total weight of the contact lens care composition.

3. (previously presented) Contact lens care composition according to claim 2, comprising 0.8 to 6 percent by weight, of D-sorbitol, based on the total weight of the contact lens care composition.

~~5.~~ (canceled)

4. (currently amended) Contact lens care composition comprising

0.5 to 4 percent by weight dexpantenol based on the total weight of the contact lens care composition; and

an antimicrobial agent which is a biguanide; and

D-sorbitol.

5. (previously presented) Contact lens care composition according to claim 6, which contains

dexpantenol	5 to 20 g/l
NaCl or KCl	3 to 9 g/l
PHMB	0.0005 to 0.05 g/l
EDTA	0.1 to 2 g/l

as well as buffer substances and water, and has a pH value of 6 to 8.

6. (previously presented) Contact lens care composition according to claim 6, further comprising D-sorbitol, one or more buffer substances, and a complexing agent.

7. (previously presented) Contact lens care composition according to claim 8, which comprises

dexpantenol	5 to 20 g/l
D-sorbit	10 to 30 g/l
NaCl or KCl	0 to 5 g/l
PHMB	0.0005 to 0.05 g/l
EDTA	0.1 to 2 g/l

as well as buffer substances and water, and has a pH value of 6 to 8.

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10. (previously presented) Contact lens care composition according to claim 6, which further comprises a surface-active substance.

Claims 11 – 14. (canceled)

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15. (previously presented) Method for cleaning and optionally disinfecting a contact lens, wherein a contact lens care composition comprising dexpanthenol is brought into contact with a contact lens for a period of time that is sufficient to clean and optionally disinfect said lens.

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16. (previously presented) Method for cleaning and optionally disinfecting a contact lens according to Claim 15, wherein the contact lens care composition further comprises D-sorbitol.

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17. (previously presented) Contact lens care composition according to claim 3, comprising an aqueous solution comprising 1 to 3 percent by weight of dexpanthenol, based on the total weight of the contact lens care composition.

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18. (previously presented) Contact lens care composition according to claim 4, comprising 1 to 3 percent by weight D-sorbitol, based on the total weight of the contact lens care composition.

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19. (previously presented) Method for cleaning and optionally disinfecting a contact lens according to Claim 15, wherein the contact lens care composition further comprises one or more further constituents selected from the group consisting of buffer substances, substances that affect the tonicity, complexing agents, and/or antimicrobial compounds.

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20. (previously presented) Method for cleaning and optionally disinfecting a contact lens according to Claim 16, wherein the contact lens care composition further comprises one or more further constituents selected from the group consisting of buffer substances, substances that affect the tonicity, complexing agents, and/or antimicrobial compounds.

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21. (previously presented) Method for cleaning and optionally disinfecting a contact lens, wherein a contact lens care composition according to Claim 6 is brought into contact with a contact lens for a period of time that is sufficient to clean and optionally disinfect said lens.